

PROCEEDINGS

The Joint Meeting of the N. O. U. and I. O. U. at Sioux City

One of the most important ornithological meetings ever held in the Middle West occurred on May 10 and 11, 1929, when the Nebraska Ornithologists' Union and the Iowa Ornithologists' Union met in joint session at Sioux City, Iowa. A total of ninety-two ornithologists were present at these meetings, of which forty six were from Iowa, thirty-four from Nebraska, eleven from South Dakota and one from Minnesota. All day Friday, May 10, was devoted to the program, and Saturday to the field trips in connection with the joint meeting.

Following registration of the members of the two organizations and their guests in the lobby of the West Hotel, the morning session was called at about 9:30 o'clock with President A. J. Palas of the I. O. U., in the chair. During the afternoon session President Mrs. A. H. Jones of the N. O. U., presided. The program consisted of the following papers:

"Reviews of Authorities on the Origin of Bird Migration," by Mr. A. J. Palas, Des Moines, Iowa.

"Mishaps in Birdland," by Mr. Fred J. Pierce, Winthrop, Iowa.

"Winter Boarders," by Prof. W. H. Over, Curator of the Museum, University of South Dakota, Vermillion.

"Ecology of Birds and Insects," by Mr. C. N. Ainslie, Sioux City, Iowa.

"Some Water Birds and Their Homes," illustrated with lantern slides, by W. F. Kubichek, Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

"Birds of a Neglected Area," by Mrs. Mary Price Roberts, Spirit Lake, Iowa.

"Who-Who-Whoo-Whooa," illustrated with lantern slides, by Mr. W. M. Rosen, Ogden, Iowa.

"Studies of the Rose-breasted Grosbeak and the Cardinal," illustrated with lantern slides, by Mrs. Addison E. Sheldon, Lincoln, Nebraska.

"The Colony of Great Blue Herons Opposite Fontenelle Forest," illustrated with lantern slides from photographs taken by Mr. W. W. Scott of Omaha, and explained by Mrs. Florence A. Steunenberg of Omaha.

"Behavior Factors in the Nest Building of Birds," illustrated with specimens, by Dr. R. H. Wolcott, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

"The Present Status of the Fringillidae Volume of the Birds of Nebraska," by Prof. M. H. Swenk, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

"Glimpses of Bird Life," illustrated with lantern slides and motion pictures, by Mr. Walter W. Bennett, Sioux City, Iowa.

From Iowa there were present: Mrs. Della C. Cutter, Castana; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Kinnaird, Valley Junction; W. F. Kubichek, Cedar Rapids; Mr. J. P. McGraw and Mr. W. R. Mills, Pierson; Mr. H. R. Moen, Onawa; Dr. F. L. R. and Mrs. Mary Price Roberts, Spirit Lake; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Rosen, Ogden; Mr. B. O. Wolden, Estherville; Miss Kate E. LaMar, and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Palas, Des Moines; and a large number from Sioux City.

From Nebraska there were present: Mr. and Mrs. Adison Adams, Mrs. A. H. Jones, and Miss Caryl Sylla, Hastings; Mr. Wilson Tout, North Platte; Mrs. Lilly R. Button, Fremont; Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Hart, Prosser; Mrs. H. C. Johnston, Superior; Mrs. L. H. McKellip, Seward; Miss Mary St. Martin, Wahoo; Dr. J. B. Bostick, Mr. L. C. Denise, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Horsky, Mr. and Mrs. R. Overing, Miss Elizabeth Rooney, Mr. W. W. Scott, Mrs. Florence A. Steunenberg, all of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Corey, Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Dewey, Mrs. Addison E. Sheldon, Mrs. G. E. Smith, Prof. and Mrs. Myron H. Swenk, Miss Olive Wallace, and Dr. Robert H. Wolcott, all of Lincoln; Mrs. C. E. Murphy, Mrs. W. V. Steuterville, Robert Murphy, Bertha D. Macomber, and Addie Milne, of South Sioux City.

From South Dakota there were present: Mrs. H. C. Abbott, Mr. Walter Thietje, Miss Lillian Kearns, Prof. and Mrs. W. H. Over, Vermillion; Prof. A. P. Larrabee, Yankton; Prof. Alexander P. Arlton, Prof. and Mrs. R. E. Dunbar, Mr. Bernie Glaus, Mr. Wilbur T. Reirson, all of Mitchell. Mr. William Kilgore, of Minneapolis, represented the state of Minnesota.

The two societies held their respective business meetings independently from 4 to 5 P. M., and at 6:30 P. M. held a joint banquet at the Elks Club Building. Members of the two societies and their guests to the number of about eighty attended the banquet, after which a public program was held in the Lodge Room of the same building. Mrs. Florence A. Steunenberg, of Omaha, first entertained the audience with whistled solos, after which she gave imitations of the songs of a number of Nebraska birds. This was followed by a lecture on "Minnesota Wild Life," by Mr. William Kilgore, Curator of the Museum of Natural History of the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, which was illustrated by several reels of moving pictures.

Saturday, May 11, was cloudy, raining early in the morning, but not after the time of the start on the field trips, which was at 6 A. M. The members divided into three groups. One group, under the leadership of T. C. Stephens, visited Crystal Lake, southwest of South Sioux City, in Nebraska; a second group, under the leadership of Mrs. Mary L. Bailey, worked in the McCook region of South Dakota, and a third group, under the leadership of Mr. Walter W. Bennett, worked in the Brown's Lake region of Iowa. All three groups returned to the Sioux City Country Club at noon for a one o'clock luncheon, as guests of the Sioux City Bird Club, after which the composite list of the morning was compiled. The Nebraska party listed eighty species, and the South Dakota and Iowa parties noted respectively seventeen and twelve species that were not seen by the Nebraska party, making a total composite list of all of the field parties of 109 birds. About fifty persons were in the three field parties.

The N. O. U. and I. O. U. voted to again meet in joint session in May, 1930, at Omaha, the N. O. U. acting as host in conjunction with the Omaha Nature Study Club.